

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 are amended. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. The Office Action alleged that Claims 5-8 were drawn to a “program” *per se*. However, this is not correct. As is expressly recited in Claims 5-8, Claims 5-8 are actually directed to a “computer-readable medium,” which is not the same as a “program” *per se*.

As is stated in the Office Action itself, “In contrast [to data structures **not** claimed as embodied in computer-readable media], a claimed **computer-readable medium** encoded with a data structure . . . **is thus statutory**.” The computer-readable media recited in Claims 5-8 are encoded with instructions that cause the recited processors (**hardware components**) to perform the recited steps when the processors execute the instructions. The instructions themselves are not claimed; rather, the computer-readable media that **carry** (i.e., encode) such instructions are claimed. It was established years ago, and it is well settled now, that computer-readable media of the kind recited in Claims 5-8 fall into the statutory category of “manufacture” enumerated in 35 U.S.C. § 101.

For at least the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 5-8 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

CLAIM REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0033565 (“Koehn”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Koehn says nothing about a search engine **displaying** a compound word in a manner such that a component word within that compound word is visibly distinguished from the remainder of the compound word. Koehn shows a compound word in some of Koehn's figures, but that does not mean that a search engine **displays** such a compound word in the manner shown in Koehn's figures.

For at least the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-8 are patentable over Koehn under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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